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Maren Harper saves money at the Bedford Hill Coffee Bar thanks to her son Rowan, whose existence guarantees her a dollar off beer on Saturday nights.

Happy hour for parents

Clinton Hill hangout offers discounts for dads, moms

By Danielle Furfaro The Brooklyn Paper

Have a kid, and save on

A Clinton Hill bar is giving haggard parents (is there any other kind?) a chance to drink on the cheap, as long as they can prove that they've re-

produced. The Bedford Hill Coffee Bar on Franklin Avenue at Greene Avenue offers a parents-only happy hour special on Saturday nights featuring a dollar off every drink for every kiddlywink you've made.

Not surprisingly, parents are saying it's a score

"Being a parent is very rewarding, but it also consumes everything," said Maren Harper, who lives in the neighborhood with her husband, Peter and her 11-month-old son Rowan. "So it's nice to be able to step away and enjoy a beverage and enjoy them from afar for a mo-

Bedford Hill owner Allison Stuart said she hit on the idea of giving people-makers a deal after noticing a boom in children in the neighborhood and hearing their parents complain about them.

"One night, there was a dad in See **HAPPY** on page 10

THERE WILL BE FLOOD

Councilman warns of storm dangers to Gowanus condo plan

By Natalie Musumeci The Brooklyn Paper

The development company Lightstone Group won't let Hurricane Sandy — or an angry councilman - stand in the way of its plan to construct a massive housing complex on the banks of the Gowanus Canal.

The real estate firm is marching ahead with its proposal to build a controversial 700-unit development on Bond Street between Carroll and Second streets despite severe flooding in the neighborhood and the vocal opposition of Councilman

Brad Lander (D-Gowanus). 'The Lightstone Group is fully

committed to the development of its Gowanus Canal project in the Carroll Gardens neighborhood and will move forward to build a high-quality, environmentally sound residential complex," the company said in a statement released to The Brooklyn Paper.

News that the project will advance comes after Lander penned an open letter to Lightstone Group CEO David Lichtenstein last week urging the company to drop its nlans — and claiming a residen-



The Lightstone Group isn't backing down from its plan to build a 700-unit housing complex on the banks of the Gowanus Canal.

tial development at the site would put future tenants in danger.

"It would be a serious mistake for you to proceed as though nothing had happened, without reconsidering or altering your plans, and putting over 1,000 new residents in harm's way the next time an event of this magnitude occurs," Lander wrote.

Lightstone Group spokesman Ethan Geto said his company "violently objects" to the suggestion the development would put prospective residents in jeopardy and See **GOWANUS** on page 3



Avenue, where neighbors claim hired drivers clog ther streets waiting

Under a-taxi!

Neighbors: Barclays Center's black cabs turn streets into parking lot

By Eli Rosenberg The Brooklyn Paper

Read their lips: no more

Neighbors of the newly opened Barclays Center say chauffeured Towncars, SUVs, and stretch limos take up nearly every inch of curb space around the arena during concerts and Nets games turning their streets into a

de facto parking lot until sta-

dium VIPs call it a night.

"Residents are trying to do everything they can to park, and they're upset that they're getting tickets for parking illegally while limousines can break the same rules," said Peter Krashes, the president of the Dean Street Block Association.

Krashes says the so-called "black cars" park in front of fire hydrants or idle in illegal

spaces near the arena until clients are ready to leave.

Neighbors claim cops do little to enforce the rules of the road — and police in the community say hired cars are a real issue.

"Black cars have been a problem," said 78th Precinct deputy inspector Michael Ameri, who noted his officers are already stretched

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Deadly hit and run

Billyburg intersection claims another victim

By Danielle Furfaro The Brooklyn Paper

Cops arrested a man they say is responsible for the hit-and-run death of a pedestrian — and the serious injury of another victim on Boringuen Place in Wiliamsburg early on Nov. 15.

Investigators believe the suspect plowed into the couple as they



crossed the street, killing 35-yearold Raul Delacruz and seriously injuring a 24-year-old woman.

The 27-year-old suspect faces charges for allegedly leaving the scene of an accident resulting in death and leaving the scene of an accident that caused serious injury.

The deadly crash occurred at the corner of Keap Street, where Leopoldo Hernandez, 57, lost his life earlier this year after he was See **DEATH** on page 9



Borinquen Place fled the scene and and abandoned his car several blocks away, police said.



Monica Grier, longtime resident of the Bossert Hotel in Brooklyn Heights, is worried she'll lose her rent-controlled apartment.

Bossert Hotel tenant lawyers up

By Danielle Furfaro The Brooklyn Paper

An 82-year-old widow who lives in a rent-controlled apartment in Brooklyn Heights' ritzy Bossert Hotel is preparing for the fight of her life now that the landmarked building has been sold. Monica Grier raised a family in the

three-bedroom apartment that she rents for less than \$1,000 per month.

She moved there in the late 1960s when the iconic hotel - once considered the Waldorf-Astoria of Brooklvn and the place where the Brooklvn Dodgers celebrated their 1955 World

Series championship — had become a home to transients.

Now, she has lawyered up because she fears the building's new ownership, which is planning to return the wellmaintained property to its glorious hotel past, will try to force her out.

When they go altering things, there are a number of things that can go wrong," said Grier. "You always wonder what is it, and I didn't want to wait and see." But an attorney for the new owner-

ship, Clipper Equity and the Chetrit Group, said Grier and the three other See **BOSSERT** on page 9 beloved bumper cars.



Gordon Lee has a new lease for Eldorado Auto Skooter, but Hurricane Sandy destroyed its

Bumping Dack

Coney's Eldorado gets another year — but hurricane took a toll

By Will Bredderman

The Brooklyn Paper

The Eldorado will roll again next summer — as long as mechanics can get the water out of the bumper cars' gas tanks!

Gordon Lee, the new owner of the beloved Auto Skooter and arcade, reached an 11th-hour arrangement with Thor Equities to hold onto the Surf Avenue property for one more season, but Hurricane Sandy had other plans for the

People's Playground staple.

"We had a great two-day event, then all of a sudden we got hit with Hurricane Sandy," said Lee, who added that the storm surge submerged all of the Eldorado amusements that have thrilled beach-goers since 1972. "I don't have to tell you how damaging salt water is to electronics.'

Thor Equities owner Joe Sitt bought the Eldorado property from owner See **BUMPER** on page 10

Fish network

Bushwick market experiments with an 'aquaponic' garden

By Danielle Furfaro The Brooklyn Paper

Yemi Amu believes that fish poop can change the world — or at the very least change an abandoned Bushwick lot into a thriving farm.

She and her partner Jonathan Boe have spent the past year setting up small aquaponic gardens - closed systems that use fish feces and water to feed plants -

and now they're planning their

masterwork: a fish poop-powered

urban farm at the Moore Street Market in Bushwick.

"It saves water and you don't need a lot of space," said Amu, who is constructing the urban oasis under the moniker Oko Farms. "You can do more than you could do with a soil-based garden and you get both fish and vegetables?

An aquaponic system filters waste from freshwater fish think tilapia, goldfish, or koi

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Yemi Amu, one of the founders of Oko Farms, swears by aquaponic farms and gardens because they use less water and provide both fish and vegetables.

Police say that this man has been seen at two of the crime scenes.

By Thomas Tracy he Brooklyn Paper

Southern Brooklyn's shopkeeper killer has struck back and investigators believe an unassuming man seen at two of the three crime scenes may have answers to all of their questions.

Police say the man who gunned neighborhood surveillance camdown two merchants in the sumeras to try to find a witness to the mer killed again on Friday, slayslaying when they say they spoting 78-year-old Flatbush clothing ted a man they had seen before. store owner Vahidipour Rah-

matollah in his Flatbush Ave-Cops were using footage from

Killer targets merchants Flatbush murder the latest in deadly pattern

> Sources told the New York Post that a balding, mustachioed man toting a duffle bag was seen on See **KILLER** on page 10

Ax to grind

Residents and city battle over tree removal

By Colin Mixson The Brooklyn Paper

Talk about being cut off!

The city slapped down a volunteer group's plan to cut up uprooted trees blocking Brooklyn streets in Hurricane Sandy's aftermath, claiming that residents shouldn't become emergency lumberjacks — even if the Parks Department can't handle the job.

Once Hurricane Sandy left the city, Flatbush Shomrim founder Chaim Deutsch and his team began cutting up and carting off more than 75 uprooted trees blocking roads and preventing first responders and supply trucks from getting around Sheepshead Bay, Manhattan Beach, Marine Park, and Brighton Beach — until the

city shut them down. "We had a little problem with the Parks Department,' said Deutsch, who claimed that



Chaim Deutsch and his cohorts of urban woodsman, the Flatbush Shomrim, for dissected and carted off 75 trees that had fallen across Brooklyn roadways during Hurricane Sandy — until Parks told them to stop.

 $a\,Parks\,Department\,official\,told$ him to leave all the fallen trees on city streets alone. "He said we're not supposed to be doing that, but I said in a crisis, I'll do

whatever I have to." City officials told Deutsch

that if the fallen tree wasn't causing an emergency, its date See TREES on page 9

OUR EXCLUSIVE COVERAGE OF THE BROOKLYN NETS

Boro fans have easy choice: Nets or Knicks?

Youth reigns in **Brooklyn roster**



Go ahead, Knicks fans, enjoy it — because we all know it won't last.

Before the Manhattan Knicks take on the Brooklyn Nets in the first game of what is sure to become a heated cross-river rivalry on Nov. 26, this column offers its sincere congratulations to a Knicks squad that came out of the gate red hot and won its first six games. Kudos.

But don't think for a minute that a single winning streak will be enough to keep Brooklyn's hoops fans clad in blue and orange forever.

Manhattan big man Amare Stoudemire will come back from knee surgery and get back to his old ways meaning he'll command more shots and throw off the nice chemistry the Knicks established early this season. Then the old guys will start playing like old guys (we're talking about you, Rasheed Wallace), and the Knicks will revert back to that team you all know and loathe.

Brooklynites, this is your opportunity to take your fandom out of incompetent grasp of the Isiah Thomases and James Dolans of the world and anchor it to the Nets team right in your backvard.

Of course the names Brook Lopez, Kris Humphries, Andre Blatche, and Reggie Evans don't elicit the level of excitement that makes it easy to convert, but these guys can ball.

Put the days of Amare's knees (and back) and Eddy Curry's contract in your rearview mirror for good. Never mind that the Knicks haven't had a competent front court since the Patrick Ewing era. It can all be forgotten. Lopez, the Nets center, is

one of the best low-post threats in the game and can match Stoudemire bucket for bucket any given night. Knicks fans can point to reigning Defensive Player of the Year Tyson Chandler all they want — but there's no way around the fact Nets forward Kris Humphries averaged more points and rebounds per game last year.

Best not wait until a championship banner hangs from the Barclays Center rafters before siding with a winner.

Tom Lafe is a 6-foot-5 sports world insider with a middling high school basketball career who believes the Nets will succeed thanks to their big men.



Will you cheer for the Manhattan Knicks, or Deron Williams and the Brooklyn Nets on Nov. 26?

Knicks will be losers soon enough



Before the NBA season tipped off, Councilman Jumaane Williams (D-Flatbush) voiced the concerns of his constituents in a single Tweet. "Gotta make a decision by

Thurs, #Knicks or #Nets. I've been a #Knick fan for life, but I'm so #Brooklyn. Ohhh ... the horror of it all!"

Hurricane Sandy ended up delaying the much-hyped battle of the boroughs — and with it the biggest decision in basketball since "The Decision." In the weeks since, the

Manhattan Knicks began

the season 6–0 before losing

to the formidable Memphis Grizzlies, while the Brooklyn Nets put together a respectable 6-2 record. With the Knicks and Nets finally squaring off Monday, blue-and-orange bleeding Brooklynites must make their choice: support the

borough's new home team,

or once again hand over their

hopes and dreams to an organization hell-bent on crushing them. Hoops fans must make that call themselves — but here are a few words of wis-



was last relevant in 1998 when coach Jeff Van Gundy famously grabbed onto Alonzo Mourning's leg to keep him from pummeling Charles Oakley?

early success carry too much weight.

It's not like the Knickerbockers haven't put together a few wins before. Last year, Jeremy Lin strapped the team on his back for seven Ws in a row. The Knicks lost nine of their next 12, Coach Mike D'Antoni promptly resigned, and the franchise's most popular player was shipped off to Houston.

Knicks fans may think Raymond Felton fills the back court hole left by Lin, but he's no Deron Williams. Felton told the New York Times he considers himself "better than any point guard," yet his parison to the Nets' star. Remember, this is the same guy who showed up overweight to the Portland Trail Blazers last year before blaming his struggles on his coach.

A quick way to tell if a team might be bluffing is to look at shooting percentages. Knicks shooting guard J.R. Smith drained 14 of 19 three-pointers — more than double his career average during the team's winning

In his billion-year career,

Jason Kidd has never come close to sustaining his recent accuracy over the course of a season. In time, the shots will go cold, the old bodies will tire, and everyone will start standing around to watch Carmelo Anthony do his thing. Again. Here in Brooklyn, All-Star

shooting guard Joe Johnson has yet to consistently make shots and high-flying Gerald Wallace has been hurt. And the Nets still managed to come out the gate 6-2. Once they put it all to-

gether, Brooklynites who got on board early can sit back and roll their eyes at the inevitable drama across the river.

Matt Spolar is a nearly 6-foot-1 journalist with a middling high school basketball career who is sure the Nets win thanks to team's top-tier guards.



Brooklynite Ben Lesse was the winner of the second annual Brooklyn Marathon. He completed the 26.2-mile course in two hours and 37 minutes.

Brooklyn's off to the races

Prospect Park marathon a runner's high for distance joggers

By Natalie Musumeci The Brooklyn Paper

Who needs the ING New York City Marathon when you can run 26.2 miles without leaving the borough?

Nearly 500 distance runners pounded the pavement on Prospect Park's curvy loop -and it's notorious hill — on Nov. 18 for the second annual Brooklyn Marathon.

And this year's winners made the borough proud.

Greenpoint resident Ben a member of the North Brooklyn Runners club was the first one to cross the finish line, completing six full loops around the park and three smaller ones in a course record of two hours and 37 minutes

Crown Heights runner Samantha Bower was thrilled to set a new women's record with a time of three hours and four minutes.

"It's an indescribable feeling. I'm still riding on cloud nine," said Bower, who earned the win in her third-ever marathon. "Brooklyn is such a unique borough and it's really neat to take part in something that's so community based. There was so much support

in and around the park. Brooklyn Marathon organizers tried to increase the number of runners from 500 to 1,500 after Hurricane Sandy led to the cancellation of this year's New York City Marathon.

But park officials nixed their request, saying they couldn't make space for the added runners with the park's roadway serving as a staging area for emergency service equipment following the storm.

Still, members of the Asics-set say the marathon was a race to remember. "It was spectacular," said

Steve Lastoe. "We had a very enthusiastic crowd and everybody had a good time. It was a true community event in every sense of the word."

Brooklyn Marathon organizer

And marathon planners even changed things up this year by dishing out cheesecake from Cousin John's Bakery to all finishers.

"That was a special touch," said Bower. "It was so good."

THE BROOKLYN BACKSTORY CELEBRATING THE NEIGHBORHOODS



Storied nabe new port of call for folks seeking the good life

By Shavana Abruzzo

The Brooklyn Paper Jerry Seinfeld once joked that New Yorkers added the "O" in DUMBO because they didn't want to live in a neighborhood

called "Dumb." There's certainly nothing tongue-tied about "Down Under the Manhattan Bridge Overpass," an armadillo-shaped waterfront district crouched under the Brooklyn and Manhattan bridges near Vinegar Hill, its cobbled streets an artist's canvas for old warehouses, new momand-pop businesses, a scenic state park, and fancy high-rise apartments, including one of the world's most spectacular triplex residences — the \$25 million ClockTower at 1 Main St., off Plymouth Street, where a onebedroom apartment rents for an eye-popping \$6,400 a month.

Influential names are taking notice of the small neighborhood with the big personality.

Actress Anne Hathaway and rapper Mos Def live there.

Katie Holmes takes daughter Suri Cruise to its playgrounds. President Obama's technical team held a fund-raiser there in And it is parodied in the video

game Grand Theft Auto IV as BOABO" — an acronym for "Beneath the Off-ramp of the Algonquin Bridge Overpass.'

The city recognized DUM-BO's storied past by landmarking 91 buildings in the area bound by John, York, Main, and Bridge streets — a legacy-loaded loop known today as the DUMBO



A SIGHT TO BEHOLD: Brooklyn Bridge Park offers spectacular views of the Manhattan skyline, while providing a tranquil oasis for leisure lovers.

Historic District.

The nod is well-placed for a belt that has reinvented itself more times than Madonna, and

had more names than Kim Kardashian's Twitter feed, including "Rapailie," "Olympia," "Fulton Landing," and "Gairville"

- the latter after early-20th century Scottish industrialist Robert Gair, who once manufactured paper bags and cor-

rugated cardboard boxes at 45 Washington St. between Front and Water streets.

DUMBO has also been called

"Walentasville" in jest, after canny developer David Walentas, who promoted its later gentrification by buying up spaces in

abandoned buildings for \$6 per square foot and reselling them

for \$1,000 per square foot. The region's significance to

the borough is undeniable. The renovated pier at the foot of Old Fulton Street was the site of the first ferry service between Brooklyn and Manhattan back

in 1642. At that time, the East River flowed up to Front and Water streets, making DUMBO the chief port of entry for the revolutionaries, merchants, and African slaves who pioneered its industrial golden age, and advanced the nation's civil rights movement on land once dominated by early settlers Joris Jansen Rapalje, and brothers Comfort and Joshua Sands.

The clamor of ships loading and unloading goods to and from Europe and the colonies was un-

settling for new arrivals. "It was a very busy and noisy place, frightening in its strangeness to many of the unwilling newcomers to our land," wrote the Brooklyn Historical Soci-

DUMBO played an integral role in the Revolutionary War, too, when George Washington led his army's heroic retreat during the Battle of Brooklyn from Fulton Landing.

By the mid-1800s, it was a major manufacturing site, counting Ajax Iron and Wire Company, Arbuckle Coffee Mill-Sugar Refinery, Brillo, Campbell and Thayer Linseed Oil Factory, and A. Zaracas Sons Macaroni among its firms.

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Neil Young & Crazy Horse Patti Smith and her Band, and Everest



Andrea Bocelli

Gerritsen's cry for help

Residents say seaside community was forgotten after Sandy

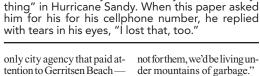
By Colin Mixson

The Brooklyn Pape City agencies and utilities turned a blind eye on Hurricane Sandy-ravaged Gerritsen Beach until residents forced them to look at the devastation the storm left behind, say homeowners who claim it took two weeks for government aid

to reach the community. Residents in the seaside enclave said Hurricane Sandy thrashed and flooded their homes, but help didn't arrive until after community leaders demanded that Con Edison and the Federal Emergency Management Agency attend a town hall meeting and see the neighborhood's condition.

"Con Edison and the city had no presence in Gerristen Beach before the meeting," said Robin Blanchfield, whose Hazel Court home was flooded during the storm.

Residents say the Department of Sanitation was the



'Sanitation trucks started

a community that's home to many cops, firefighters, and

der mountains of garbage.'

The Nov. 8 meeting at Resurrection Church was organized by Gerritsen Beach Cares. Members claim they coming three days after the put the meeting together bestorm," said Blanchfield. "If cause no one else would.

"We were left in the dark by everyone for 10 days," said Mike Taylor, the founder of Gerritsen Beach Cares. "We were waiting for someone to lead us and, when nobody came, we and a lot of other neighborhood groups and community leaders put this meeting together to try to figure out what's going on."

Taylor claims that Con Ed didn't know that most of Gerritsen Beach was out of power until representatives saw the 800 desperate residents who turned up at the meeting.

"I don't even think they knew we were down here until that meeting was held," said Taylor, who claimed the church hall was still packed even after many residents left, realizing that they wouldn't be given an opportunity to speak.

"Some people just got up and left when they realized you couldn't ask questions," said neighbor Laura Golding.

Yet residents say the meeting had its desired effect: within a few days aid began flowing to Gerritsen Beach and the Federal Emergency Management Agency set up a mobile command center in the community last week to lend assistance.

"Now there are dozens of Con Ed trucks down here and people are getting their power restored," said Taylor.

Con Ed spokesman Allen Drury could not speak specifically about Gerritsen Beach, but said his company worked hard to restore power - and had the lights on across much of the city by the meeting.

By [the time of the meeting, Nov. 8] the vast majority of customers had their service restored," said Drury.

The reason many Gerritsen Beach residents were without power after the meeting was likely due to equipment failure within their homes, he said.



out helping Sandy victims in Coney Island on Nov. 13.

Pitcher's relief

Johan Santana joins Coney recovery

By Will Bredderman The Brooklyn Paper

Talk about making an

Mets pitching ace and one-time Brooklyn Cyclone Johan Santana and team CEO Jeff Wilpon spent some of the offseason lending a hand — and an arm when they became relievers for a day, distributing lunches to needy hurricane victims, in Coney

Island on Nov. 13.

Wilpon and No-han swung by the People's Playground to hand out lunches first at Our Lady of Solace Church on W. 17th Street and Mermaid Avenue, and then at Coney Island Gospel Assembly on W. 29th Street and Neptune Avenue, before both headed home. Santana followed up his volunteer effort with a \$25,000 donation to the official rebuilding effort, Coney Recovers.

The Amazins' said the two wound up in Coney on their own initiative.

"The guys decided they wanted to go out and help out on their own, because it was close to home," said Mets spokesman Troy Watson, who recalled that Santana had pitched just blocks away at MCU Park in August,

when the two-time Cy Young Award Winner was coming off the disabled list following an ankle sprain.

Coney Recovers—a project of the business group the Alliance for Conev Island applauded the way Wilpon and Santana took the mound for their team, and the southpaw's moneyball.

"The fact that he not only ame down to meet with families affected by the hurricane and made a donation to the recovery effort shows he is just as much a great individual as he is a talented pitcher," said spokesman Kenneth Hoch-

Flood of new tenants

Richie Bennick of Hyman Court says he "lost every-

Realtors: Not enough homes for hurricane refugees

By Will Bredderman The Brooklyn Paper

Hurricane Sandy victims from the Rockaways, Breezy Point, and Staten Island are looking to Bay Ridge for sanctuary - but neighborhood realtors say they don't have enough open houses for the glut of new residents.

'There's been a tremendous influx in the demand for Bay Ridge rentals since the hurricane," said Joseph

Reliable Real Estate at the corner of 75th Street and Fifth Avenue. "Bay Ridge is close to the water but doesn't have the exposure of some of the more affected neighborhoods."

Others say many Rockaway residents are ex-Ridgites trying to return home following the disaster — with mixed success

"They worked hard and they did well and they bought

Hamdan of Coldwell Banker a house on the beach. And now it's gone," said Renee Winnicki of Jabour Realty on Third Avenue near 87th Street, who said that a woman who sold her Bay Ridge home two years ago returned to her

office shortly after Sandy

wiped out the property she

bought in Breezy Point. But realtors say because of the poor economy, most apartment tenants are staying put. Facing a low vacancy rate, realty agents are desperately looking for available apartments.

"We know all the building owners, and they're telling us nothing's available," said Winnicki. "It makes me sick because there's nothing we can do for a lot of these people.

Other realtors say that there are few Bay Ridge apartments that will fit expanded families.

"They're coming from big houses, families of six

wiater of Alpine Realty at the corner of 84th Street and Fifth Avenue. "They want a three-bedroom apartment or a house to rent, and we don't have that." Pedziwiater said another problem is that the Hurricane

or seven people and maybe

two pets," said Urszula Pedzi-

Sandy victims want to rent month-to-month since they don't know how long it will be before they can return to their flooded home most landlords want tenants to sign year-long leases.

"My advice is they should sign one-year leases, and then if they go back, talk to the owners and see if they can't break the lease." Pedziwiater recommended.

Turkeys and a Giant

By Eli Rosenberg The Brooklyn Paper

It was a Giant turkey give-

Councilwoman Letitia James got together with New York Football Giant defensive tackle Shaun Rogers to hand out a truckload of Thanksgiving turkeys to residents of the Ingersoll, Whitman, Farragut and Atlantic Terminal houses a week be-

fore Brooklynites sit down, count their blessings, and indulge.

More than 200 of the 'Butterball" and "Riverside" gobblers where handed out at the Ingersoll Community Center in Fort Greene, where residents also got to meet and take pictures with the Super Bowl champion who happens to be out for the season with an injury.

And the giving didn't stop

there. The giveaway doubled as drop-off space for supplies and clothing for victims of Hurricane Sandy.

On top of that, more turkeys, which were available to all public housing residents in James' (D-Fort Greene) district, were handed out during the weekend.

We were still getting them to people who did not receive them," said James staffer Gigi Davis-Elliott.

GOWANUS...

Continued from page 1 claims he does not foresee flooding to be an issue because the project will be "elevated significantly above sidewalk level."

"If we were going to build a project that would be vulnerable to flooding in a major storm like Hurricane Sandy we might as well not build the project it wouldn't be economically viable," said Geto,

Geto insists the Lightstone project will be able to withstand extreme weather conditions as designed, but added that the company is going to "evaluate the design in the context of Hurricane Sandy" by consulting with environmental agencies and engineers.

ect if we need to," said Geto. "If our data suggests it needs to be further elevated ... we will do it. We are going to build a project that won't be flooded," said Geto. The complex's lobby will

be steps above street level

and its electrical equipment will get extra protection, according to Geto. "We will elevate the basement to a level where we believe it won't be flooded,"

he said. "If there is some water that would get into low ground spaces we will design and locate mechanical equipment to protect it from flooding by insulating all of the electrical wires, systems, and cables."

The proposed canal-abut-

ting complex has been contentious from its start, when the luxury home builders Toll Brothers won a hard-fought rezoning to permit housing on the site, then scrapped the plan after the feds named the putrid Gowanus Canal a Superfund site.

This summer, Lightstone Group picked up where Toll Brothers left off - bypassing much of the city's landuse review process by advancing a similar proposal.

Before work begins, Lightstone Group must gain the approval of the City Planning Commission - where Lander says he will lobby against the development.

Geto says Lander should be an ally — not an opponent.

"We are setting a standard here that will be a model for future development on the Gowanus Canal and [he] should be pleased by that," he said.

Their comings and goings were recorded in the Brooklyn Eagle, a hometown newspaper that had its warehouse and storage company at 28 Front St. for 114 years — its editor the famed poet Walt Whitman whose poem, "Crossing Brooklyn Ferry," is etched on the railings of Ful-

Michael Goody (left) and Dwayne Griffith met Giants

tackle Shaun Rogers during the turkey giveaway.

Many of the original streets and buildings are long gone, but their ghosts linger along Main Street, which once extended all the way up the hill to Fulton Street.

ton Landing.

Thomas Kirk owned a print shop at Water and Main streets that became the borough's whiteonly district school in 1816.

Mr. Mill's Tavern at Main and Front streets was the starting point of an 1818 civil rights march by the Brooklyn African Woolman Benevolent Society.

Black merchant Henry C. Thompson ran a shoe and bootblacking business south of Front Street — a profitable trade in those days, as most people only owned one or two pairs of shoes that had to be constantly repaired until they wore out.

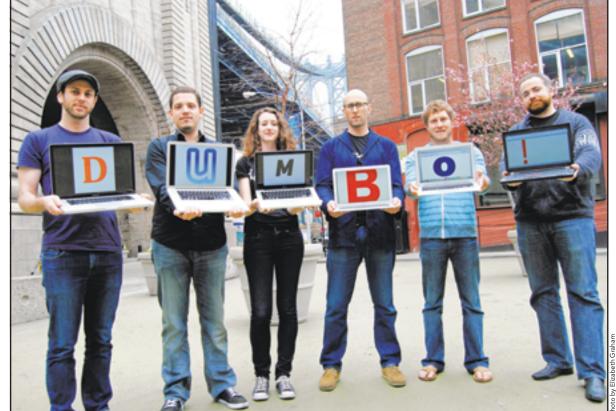
York Street, near Washington Street - today a parking lot — was a jumble of clapboard homes. One of them belonged to Peter Croger, founder of Brooklyn's first private school for African Americans.

The early streetscapes disappeared by the early 1900s, as the opening of the Brooklyn and Manhattan bridges provided entryways to new opportunities elsewhere.

Parts of the neighborhood were demolished in the 1950s to make way for the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway, leaving it a virtual no-man's land ventured only by intrepid movie directors including Stanley Kubrick who filmed his 1955 motion picture "Killer's Kiss" in DUMBO.

The badlands remained the hub of tertiary manufacturing sites, sweatshops, and crime for the next several decades, until artists seeking cheap dwellings and work spaces settled there in the 1980s and 1990s.

"There was nothing there you couldn't go there at night



TECH HEAVEN: DUMBO is a hot commodity for techies like (from left) Freddie Pikovsky and Eduardo Garcia of DUM-BO Startup Lab, Rachel Higgins and Simon Endres of Red Antler, Jeff Kurtzman of The Enlightened Shopper, and Michael Geer of Cause Cart.

for fear of being robbed," says Danny Brown, a long-time Vinegar Hill resident who worried about the neighborhood's fate when it was renamed DUMBO in the late 1970s.

"I wondered what its future was gonna be like with such a crappy name," he says. Former Le Cirque pastry chef

Jacques Torres was one early visionary who took a chance when he opened Jacques Torres Chocolate in 2000 at 66 Water St. "I was in a neighborhood that

was deserted," Torres famously said. "It was not the neighborhood we know today." These days, DUMBO's

turnaround is apparent at every turn. Bubby's at 1 Main St. is a neighborhood staple, along with Grimaldi's Pizza at 1 Front St., Peas and Pickles at 101 Washington St., The Brooklyn Ice Cream Factory at Fulton and Water streets, and Gleason's Gym at 77 Front St., off Old Fulton Street the former training ground of boxing great Mike Tyson.

Barge Music at Fulton Ferry Landing offers year-round chamber music on a former coffee barge, a floating music hall established by late musician Olga

"I wanted to create a place for them to perform in an environment that would nurture, rather than destroy, their creativity,' Bloom once said.

Brooklyn Bridge Park—home to 90-year-old Jane's Carousel, the first merry-go-round to become a national landmark — is an 85-acre oasis bound by Plymouth, New Dock, Furman, and Old Fulton streets, offering heartstopping views of the Manhattan skyline, much like adjacent Empire-Fulton Ferry State Park.

Both spaces are a stroll away from Civil War-era coffee and tobacco warehouses, including St. Ann's Warehouse at 38 Water St. between Old Dock and Main streets, a world-class performance venue currently presenting Yael Farber's "Mies Julie," a South African State Theatre production

DUMBO's art-smarts also extend to galleries like DUMBO Arts Center at 30 Washington St., which spotlights greenhorns

with its annual DUMBO Under the Bridge Festival.

Many start-ups with playful names like Huge, Carrot Creative, SawHorse Media, and Big Spaceship are also seeking a piece of DUMBO's prized pie by setting up shop there.

They are helping to realize the vision of transforming the once-decaying waterfront into a chic cornerstone of urban life. Last month, Mayor Bloomberg announced that a state-of-the-art 'Made in NY" Media Center will be built at 20 Jay St. overlooking Brooklyn Bridge Park.

DUMBO's triumphant recovery continues to be a work in progress.

Its graceless name has been its saving grace, while adding to its charm as an innovative. close-knit community - and the new port of call for folk seeking the good life.

DUMBO facts

Six things you need to know about this nabe's history



DUMBO was once as "Walentasville," after developers David and Jane Walentas, who helped to gentrify the area.

Jane's Carousel in Brooklyn Bridge Park is the nation's first nationally landmarked merrygo-round.





The \$25 million ClockTower building on 1 Main St. is one of the world's most spectacular triplex residences.

Grimaldi's Pizzeria's was on Old Fulton Street for years before moving around the corner.





actress Anne Hathaway ("Rachel Getting Married") is among DUMBO's crop of celebrity residents.

Oscar-nominated

Legendary Gleason's Gym at 77 Front St. is the former training ground of boxing greats like Mike Tyson.



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Home invasion on Clinton Ave

88TH PRECINCT

Fort Greene-Clinton Hill A gun-toting villain robbed a man's apartment on Clinton Avenue on Nov. 12 — threatening the victim and getting away with

The 29-year-old victim told cops he was at his home at Dekalb Avenue at 5:55 pm when the crook burst in his door, pointed what the victim thought was a shotgun covered with a T-shirt, and said, "Don't say anything or I'm going to blast you."

The thief made away with two MacBooks, an iPad, and

Zipped and tied

A gun-wielding duo made off with \$32,000 worth of equipment from a cellphone store on Myrtle Avenue on

Workers at the shop near Rverson Street said that two criminals entered the store at 6:50 pm and forced them into a back room at gunpoint.

After zip-tying the employees, the crooks took off

with their loot. **MetroHard**

A bully robbed and assaulted a kid on Adelphi Street on Nov. 15.

The 11-year-old victim told cops that he was on his way home from school between Lafavette and Greene avenues at 6 pm when the crook grabbed him, displayed a black knife and said, "Run your pockets and give me what you got."

After the kid handed

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over his \$5 MetroCard, the crook pushed him down and

punched him in the face. **Cereal killer**

Police arrested a man who they say tried to steal a Rice Krispies treat from a store on Lafayette Avenue on Nov. - a block away from the 88th Precinct house.

A 26-year-old victim told cops that the man came into the store at Classon Avenue at 8:10 pm and tried to take one of the delectable snacks. When the victim confronted him, the alleged crook hit him in the face with a milk crate, police said.

G thang

A crook stole a woman's cellphone on the G train on

The 31-year-old victim told cops she was on the train at the Fulton Street station at 11:05 am when the crook came up to her, snatched her phone, and fled the train.

Find my crook

Police arrested a man who they say took an iPad from a woman on Cumberland Street on Nov. 18. The 56-year-old victim

told cops she was at Lafayette Avenue at 4:40 pm when the suspect walked up and snatched her iPad from her

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the suspect with the help of the Find My iPhone app. -Eli Rosenberg

78TH PRECINCT

Park Slope

Jacket jacked

Cops arrested a trio accused of taking a Moncler jacket from a Flatbush Avenue clothing store on Nov. 15.

A witness told cops that the three alleged bandits grabbed the \$1,465 jacket from the boutique near Dean Street at 11:50 am and fled the scene in a yellow a car.

Cops tracked down the trio, stopped them at the corner of Sixth and Flatbush avenues, and found the jacket stuffed under the driver's seat, as well as a bag of marijuana, according to police.

Swindled

A crook stole more than \$4,000 worth of jewelry from a woman on Nov. 18.

The 33-year-old told cops the crook, who she knew, said he was familiar with someone who could clean her jewelry and make it look new.

The victim was in the perp's car at the corner of Prospect Place and Flatbush Avenue at 2:20 pm when she left behinda \$2,000 gold chain, \$200 earrings, her \$1,600 wedding hand. Cops said they found ring, and two bracelets total-

money from the bank.

When she returned nearly 40 minutes later, the crook was gone, she told police.

Gym rat

A thief broke into a locker at a Ninth Street gym on Nov. 13—stealing cash and a credit card from a gym-goer.

The 50-year-old victim told police that he was working out at the gym between Fifth and Sixth avenues at 8 pm.

When he tried to fetch his belongings 50 minutes later, he found \$140 in cash and a credit card missing.

Brick slinger

A thief broke into a Union Street restaurant by slinging a brick through the glass door on Nov. 12.

The 34-year-old owner of the eatery between Fourth and Fifth avenues told cops that he left the restaurant at 1 am and when he came back at 9:30 am he found the glass shattered and \$60 missing from the register. The brick was left lying amid the shattered glass.

myPhone

A crook smacked a man and snatched his iPhone on Fourth Avenue on Nov. 14.

The 31-year-old victim told police that he was near Carroll Street at 8:30 pm when the perp came up from behind him, struck him on the back, forcefully grabbed his iPhone, and ran off with it down Fourth Avenue. - Natalie Musumeci

90TH PRECINCT Southside-Bushwick

Armed robbery Cops cuffed a teenager

for allegedly robbing an 11-year-old boy for his iPhone at gunpoint on Broadway on Nov. 15.

The 11-year-old told police he was at the northwest corner of Lorimer Street at 3 pm when the suspect pointed a gun at him and demanded his phone. The boy called the cops and the teenager was arrested.

Taxi theft

A ne'er-do-well broke into a taxi and stole a bunch of the driver's fancy gear on Grand Street on Nov. 11.

The 36-year-old cabbie told police he parked his car in front of his house between Bedford Avenue and Berry Street at 2 am, and when he returned, he found that the passenger-side rear window was broken and his property was missing - including a navigation system worth \$100, a two-way radio worth \$1,500, a digital camera worth \$100, and a gold watch worth \$500.

Watch out

Someone stole a FedEx box containing more than \$52,000 worth of jewelry from an Ainslie Street building lobby sometime between Nov. 5 and 8.

The victim said he had two Patrick Phillipe watches delivered to his home between Union Avenue and Keap Street, and the box was left sitting in his lobby for three days.

When he tried to retrieve the box at noon on Nov. 8, it was gone.

Gang up

A group of ruffians attacked a man on Humboldt Street on Nov. 11.

The victim told police that he was leaving a bar between McKibben and Siegel streets at 6 am when a large group of men began punching and kicking him until he was unconscious. The man was taken to Elmhurst Hospital with facial fractures, bruises, and a bruised lung. Police didn't arrest anyone in the case.

Bank botch

A man stormed a Grand Street bank that has been victim to many robberies in recent months on Nov. 13, but failed to take any money.

A teller at the bank between Graham Avenue and Humboldt Street told police that the would-be robber walked in at 2:50 pm and handed her a note reading: "This is an armed robbery Handover all the money and no one gets hurt. Now.' Instead of giving the guv

any money, the teller pushed an alarm button and the lousy robber ran away.

94TH PRECINCT Greenpoint-Northside

Car vs. cyclist

Cops arrested a driver who they say chased a cy-

on Nov. 16.

The 27-year-old woman told police she was riding her bike between Nassau and Driggs avenues at 11 am when a 50-year-old man motorist started screaming obsceni-

ties at her and trying to hit her with his car. The woman told police that the man often threat-

ens and harasses her, and she asked the police to grant her an order of protection.

Bike robbery

A criminal quartet attacked a man in McGolrick Park and stole his bike on Nov. 17 while preaching Polish pride.

The 18-year-old victim told police he was sitting on a bench in the park at 11 pm when a guy kicked him in the face. Then, three ruffians started punching and kicking him while yelling, 'You don't mess with Polish people."

One of them stole the victim's bike and the other three ran away, he told police.

Don't let it idle Cops arrested a 27-year-

old man who they say drove off with a man's car when he left it unattended on Noble Street on Nov. 19. The man told police

stopped BMW X3 to pull it into his garage between Franklin and Lorimer streets at 10 pm. When he got out of the car to open the garage door, the suspect jumped into the driver's seat and took off, according to police. When the alleged thief cir-

cled around the block, the car owner called. Cop say they chased the man into Queens, where he crashed the car.

Not self-defense Police arrested a woman

who they claim sprayed a taxi driver with Mace when he tried to collect the fare on Graham Avenue on Nov. The cabbie told police

that when he stopped between Driggs and Engert avenues at 10 am and tried to collect the fare, the passenger refused and sprayed him through the partition. Police said that when of-

ficers arrived, she refused to cooperate, flailing her arms and resisting arrest. Police said they found the can of Triple Action Defense Mace in her pocket.

— Danielle Furfaro

84TH PRECINCT

Brooklyn Heights-DUMBO-Boerum Hill-Downtown

Fashion crime

Police cuffed a 28-yearold woman accused of trying to steal clothing from a Fulton Mall department store

on Nov. 15. An employee at the retailer between Hoyt Street and Gallatin Place told investigators he spotted the thief grabbing jeans, sweaters. a vest, socks, and boxers from displays—then attempting to remove security sensor tags

from the garments The crook allegedly placed the bounty in a bag and attempted to leave the store without paying, according to documents from the District

Attorney's office. Employees say they recovered the goods from the bag and discovered a pair of jeans with a hole in the spot

where a security tag had been placed.

76TH PRECINCT

Carroll Gardens-Cobble Hill-Red Hook

Foot loose An unlucky man es-

caped a terrifying situation on Smith Street on Oct. 20 — but he fled so fast that he managed to leave behind his sneakers.

Two perps approached the victim at the corner of Baltic Street at 9:15 pm and one pulled what appeared to be a gun from the waistband of his pants, according to the Dis-

trict Attorney's office. The other crook grabbed the man by the collar, but victim escaped his grasp and fled.

However his shoes fell off during his getaway.

When the victim returned to the scene, his sneakers were gone. Cops apprehended one

suspect, but the man accused of carrying a gun remains on the lam Ben Muessig

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Sniff first, then sip

A new tasting room presents olive oils like fine wines

By Will Levitt

for The Brooklyn Paper

ou know you prefer a Pinot Grigio to a Chardonnay, but do you know your favorite varietal of olive oil?

A new olive oil shop O Live Brooklyn has bottles lining its shelves and sitting in crates like a liquor store, and the owner hopes enthusiasts will be talking about extra virgins like they would a single malt or an old Bordeaux "It's like wine, single varietal

olive oil with tastes from mild to robust and peppery," said owner Greg Bernaducci in his spotless new tasting room and retail shop in South Williamsburg. Tasting olive oils is reminis-

cent of wine tasting as well.

Shoppers interested in sampling should first hold a sample cup between their hands to warm it and release the full flavor. After a smell, they should sip the olive oil through their teeth with plenty of air - just like tasting a fine wine. Flavor notes range from smooth, clean and mellow to grassy, pungent and even spicy. But flavor isn't the only con-

sideration.

Bernarducci will say the "free fatty acids" in an olive oil, which he calls the "FFA" count, is particularly important - it's one of the many markers of a specific oil's acidity and freshness.

Country of origin and crush date are just a few of the other considerations to keep in mind when picking out the right ol-— perhaps this season's Frantoio

from Chile, an oil with a remarkably ol-

While other olive oil stores have been popping up across the country for a few



Oils well: Greg Bernarducci pours olive oil out for discerning extra virgin fans in his Williamsburg store O Live.

years now, Bernaducci hopes his 12 varietals of extra virgin olive oils and 11 infused olive oils will have Brooklynites thinking twice before just picking up any old bottle of the stuff. With rotating, sea-

sonal selections from countries as far as ally like it," he says. Chile and Australia, there's no shortage of options, and he sells balsamic vinegar

and other oils as well. "Once people come and taste, they re-

O Live [60 Broadway between Berry Street and Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 384-0304, www.olivebrooklyn.com].

lot just a toog

Olive oil is great to eat, but this old and revered key component of many culture's cuisines goes beyond the kitchen, bringing benefits like healthy skin and happy house cats.

1. Skin moisturizer: Olive oil can be rubbed in directly to the skin or lips for a natural, effective remedy for dry skin. Whether the olive oil's smell is a pro or con is completely up to you!

2. Fight hair balls: If you're only feeding yourself and your human family with olive oil, think again. Olive oil helps mixed in with your cat's food can prevent the cat from forming hair balls.

3. Snore control: Many believe that a tablespoon of olive oil before bed can help relieve snoring. It might sound unlikely, but it might



mean a restful night's sleep, so why not give it a try?

4. Leather touch up: Polishing your leather doesn't necessarily require an expensive oil or expert care — applying a small amount of olive oil to worn leather might do just the trick.

5. Makeup and paint remover: Makeup and paint dried to the skin can be a pain to remove, but rubbing in a bit of olive oil will take them right out. Just head for the kitchen cabinet, grab your bottle of olive oil, and your paint or makeup is — Will Levitt







For him, for her, for it: A house that's well stocked with oil is ready for practically anything — from taking care of your pet to getting a good night's sleep.



THEATER

A new rendition of William Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" is putting theater goers eye-to-eye

ICE SKATING

Ice tryouts

on Disney's best-known classics.

Mickey, Minnie and other Disney favorites will christen the ice at the Barclays Center in an upcoming spectacle that takes a new twist

ney favorites to compete to be the next star. As the Disney posse search the land they will come across special routines by Sebastian and the daughters of King Triton in "The Lit-

tle Mermaid," the stepsisters from "Cinderella,"

gets her legs and performs a dazzling ballet in

Folk friends

badil is a North Carolina pop-folk quartet that

has survived the years by sticking to what mat-

and the interweaving, mellifluous vocals of

every band member characterize Bombadil's

Keeping their focus as a band was difficult,

too, having left the care-free days of dormi-

tory jam sessions. The band had to go on an

extended hiatus in 2009 due to a wrist injury

to guitarist, Daniel Michalak, but they got to-

"It never stopped being a thing. We knew we were going to come back," said Phillips.

Bombadil with Hurrah a Bolt of Light and Baby States at Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth

Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400, www.

Eric Dryden

unionhallny.com]. Nov. 28, 7:30 doors, \$8.

Lyrical sincerity, plucky folk guitar riffs,

Disney On Ice's "Rockin' Ever After" Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Flatbush Avenue in Prospect Heights, (212) 359–6387, www.disneyonice.com]. Nov. 27-Dec. 2, start-

Natalie Musumeci

A moment not to miss in the show, which took nearly a year to craft, is when Ariel magically

and Pinocchio.

the air above the ice.

MUSIC

ters - the music.

decibels.

music, which goes for in-

timate live shows based

on subtlety rather than

ing," said drummer James

Phillips. "We all have the

opinion that music can

be too loud at times. It's

harder to get quiet and sing

well together.'

gether in the end.

"We work a lot at sing-

The skate show "Rockin' Ever After" remixes the stories of Disney's most adventurous heroines with talent search TV shows so popular these days, with classic characters Mickey, Minnie, Goofy, and Donald scouring the globe in search of Dis-

with the famous political and military leader and the conspirators who murdered him—in a production that gives the audience a chance to feel like the Roman By the end of the play,

ticket holders will experience an emotional roller coaster, having cheered for a hero only to

lose him and lose everything that made Rome a great republic.

This [play] is looking at power and the mob and the mob itself becomes a major character," said Terry Greisse, who will play Caesar.

"The audience will feel like the Romans, with actors scattered in there as well, and when Caesar is stabbed the audience will see it happen.'

Greisse said the effect would be brutal. The stage will be divided into several parts, with the audience walking among wooden spikes

that differentiate Brutus's garden, Caesar's house, the capital steps, and other settings. The play is a part of a larger project called the "1599 Project," the theater ensemble's focus on a pivotal year in Shakespeare's career, when his

work took on a sharper political edge. Julius Caesar at the Irondale Center [85 S.

Oxford St. between Lafayette Avenue and Fulton Street in Fort Greene, (718) 488-9233, www.irondale.org]. Nov. 27–Dec 15, 8 pm, \$25; \$10 Tuesdays, 7 pm. — Sol Park

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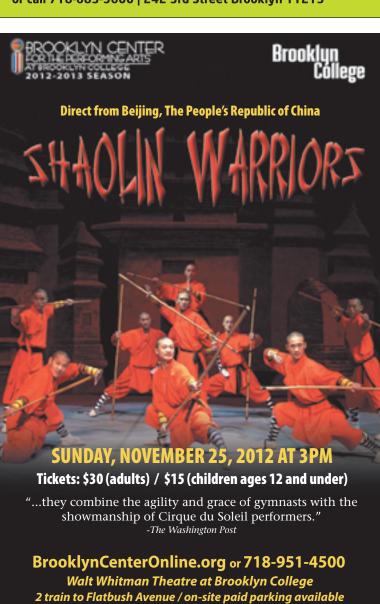
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2 pm, 6:50 pm at BAM Rose Cinemas [30 Lafayette Ave. between St. Felix Street and Ashland Place in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100,

SATURDAY November 24

Hornrimmed

Oh, the sexual ten-

sion in the library.

How can you stand it? Bring some of your stacks sensuality to this queerthemed party, "Que(e)ry: Graphic Content," featuring DJs, queer-lit inspired drinks, gogo dancers, and those mysterious book shamans librarians.

10 pm at Public Assembly [70 N. Sixth St. between Wythe and Kent avenues in Williamsburg, (718) 384-4586, publicassem blynyc.com]. Donations.



SUNDAY November 25



Tuuurkey

If you've sufficiently gorged yourself on Thanksgiving leftovers, limp yourself over to the bar and enjoy some onscreen zombie killing. Forget watching sweaty men throw a pigskin around on the gridiron and join like-minded folks who want nothing more than a glass of wine and the sweaty men who star in the survival-drama "Walking Dead."

9 pm at the Brooklyn Winery [213 North Eighth St. between Driggs Avenue and Roebling Street in Williamsburg

MONDAY

November 26

Punch lines

When Barry Rothbart says, "I'm not as cool as I look," people laugh. Recently having made an appearance on Conan, he's kind of like Aziz Ansari — a young, energetic comic on the rise who tells jokes based on Google searches and pop culture references.

8:30 pm at Union Hall [702 Union St. between Fifth and Sixth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400, www.unionhallny.com]. \$5.



TUESDAY November 27



Mathematical!

If you connect the

midpoints of all the sides of a four-sided figure, you always make a parallelogram — and this really scares mathematician Paul Lockhart. It blows his mind. He teams up with artist Simon Dinnerstein to talk about art and math.

7 pm at BookCourt [163 Court St. between Dean and Pacific streets in Boerum Hill, (718) 875-3677, www.bookcourt.

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Midnight. Knitting Factory [361 Metropolitan Ave. at Havemeyer Street in Williamsburg, (347) 529–6696],

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10:15–11:30 am. Cumbe [558 Fulton Street, 2nd Floor, Brooklyn NY 11217, (718) 935–9700].

THEATER, THE SHAOLIN WARRIORS: Direct from Beijing, the People's Republic of China, the performance

ny.knittingfactory.com.

NINE DAYS IN BROOKLYN

FRI, NOV. 23

MUSIC, DR. WHO 50TH ANNIVER-SARY PARTY: Dress as your favorite doctor. The Way Station [683 Washington Ave. between between St. Marks Avenue and Prospect Place in Prospect Heights, (347) 627–4949], waystationbk.com.

TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE: The Park Slope Civic Council is again hosting the annual holiday collection. Books and toys are needed for families with children 2 to 12. Various locations throughout Park Slope. Visit website for list of drop-off locations. Free. www.parkslopeciviccounil.org/toysfor-tots.

MOVIE NIGHT: Shorts and a full length family appropriate movie. Free! 6:15. The Moxie Spot [81 Atlantic Ave. between Hicks and Henry streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 923–9710],

BLACK FRIDAY: While the rest of the city shops and burns off the Thanksgiving feast, children can explore the museum the whole day. Free with museum admission. 9am–5 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735–4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

FLEA MARKET: New, used and unique items; antiques, books; electronics; garden and home items; knickknacks; nusic; video, vintage and retro. Free coffee and activities for children. Free, 10 am-5 pm. FleaMarkets.net [2092 Stillwell Ave. in Gravesend, (718) 765–0018], www.fleamarkets

ART, BRIC-A-BRAC: Exhibition continues BRIC's rich history of document ing Brooklyn as an innovative hub for design and sustainability by selecting designers, architects and artists who focus on the environmental side of contemporary urban living. 12–6pm. BRIC Rotunda Gallery [33 Clinton Street Brooklyn, NY 11201, (718) 683-5604].

CONCERT, EATING VEGANS: Japa nese Action Comic Punk Band PEE-LANDER-Z meets up with Electric Eel Shock in a night put on by KFBK and Brooklyn Vegan. \$10. 7 pm. Knitting Factory [361 Metropolitan Ave. at Havemeyer Street in Williamsburg (347) 529-6696], ny.knittingfactory.

BARCLAYS, NBA BASKETBALL: The Brooklyn Nets take on the LA Clippers. Starting at \$15. 7:30 pm. Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Flatbush Avenue in Downtown, (212) 359–6387], www.BarclaysCenter.com.

ART, CARIBBEAN, LATIN AMERICAN SHOW: "Algo different group show at Weeknights is pleased to exhibit work created by artists part of such a rich culture that has inhabited and influenced so much of the city landscape we co-exist in. Free. 7:30–10 pm. Weeknights [566 Johnson Ave., Studio #27 in Bushwick, (201) 953– 4062], weeknights.wordpress.com.



Bed of nails: See these bona fide Shaolin Monks withstand blows that would kill a normal man, at a display of martial arts in Midwood on Nov. 25

SAT, NOV. 24

MUSIC, "LA BOHEME": Regina Opera Company present a fully staged performance of Puccini's romantic tragedy. \$25 (\$20 seniors and college students, \$5 teens, children free). 3 pm. Our Lady of Perpetual Help audi-torium [5902 Sixth Ave. at 59th Street in Sunset Park, (718) 259–2772], www.

MUSIC, JUAN LUIS GUERRA AND JUANES: Grammy Award winning artists and Latin pop icons Juan Luis Guerra and Juanes will perform in the first-ever Latin show at the state-of-the-art Barclays Center. Starting at \$70.85. 6:30 pm. Barclays Center 1620 Atlantic Ave. at Flatbush Avenue in Downtown, (212) 359–6387], www. barclayscenter.com.

CONCERT FUNK AND SOUL Robert Randolph and the Family Band. \$17. 8 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963–3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

MUSIC, DANCE MUSIC: The Rub: The Rub is a Bell House tradition, combining the very best in modern dance music and mixed drinks. \$10. 10 pm Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643–65101, www.thebellhousenv.com

PARK SLOPE FLEA MARKET: Peruse antiques, collectibles, vintage, crafts, and furniture. 8 am-6 pm. PS 321 [180 Seventh Ave. between First and Second streets in Park Slope, (917) 991–7807], www.parkslope-fleamarket.com. Quilt show: The 21st annual show features theme of Cool-whether it's a cold wintery science, and cool colors. \$3. Noon-4

ard and Fastern Parky Park Slope, (718) 789–2822], www prospectpark.org.

"HANSEL & GRETEL": The Brothers Grimm classic comes to life and music with songs by Humperdinck and adapted for marionettes by Nicolas Coppola, suggested for children 4 years old and up. \$9 (\$8 children; \$7 groups of 20 or more). 12:30 and 2:30 pm. Puppetworks [338 Sixth Ave. at Fourth Street in Park Slope, (718) 965-33911. www.puppetworks.org

ATLANTIC AVE SHOPPING: Kick off the holiday season with a day on the avenue. Carolers, Trolley Rides, re-freshments and great deals abound. Presented by the Atlantic Avenue Business Improvement District. Free. 1–5 pm. Atlantic Avenue (Between BQE to Fourth Avenue in Downtown) www.atlanticavehid.org TASKS AND CRAFTS FROM THE

PAST: Try your hand at needlepoint, play old fashioned games and more. Free. 2:30–3:30 pm. Lefferts Historic Homestead [452 Flatbush Ave. between Empire Boulevard and Easterr Parkway in Park Slope, (718) 789– 28221, www.prospectpark.org ENTERTAINMENT, DANCE PARTY:

Que(e)ry: Graphic Content, a dance party for alternative lifestyle librarians, comes to Public Assembly. Free 10 pm. Public Assembly [70 N. Sixth St. at Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 782–5188], www.publicassem-VISCERAL CHORDS: Ashes Within plays brutal, honest music and they prom-

ise this night will be one of "maxi-

mum visceral impact." Ready? \$10.

pm. Lefferts Historic Homestead [452 Flatbush Ave. between Empire

mixes martial arts, athleticism, and theatrics. The spectacle features 22 monks performing feats of strength agility and combat. \$30.3 pm. Brook-lyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College [2900 Campus Rd., between Amersfort Place and Kenilworth Place in Midwood. (718) 951–4500], www.brooklyncenteron FUNDRAISER, FLEA MARKET: Get

your old things! Your dusty old things at this church-run flea market. 9 am. Holy Family - St. Thomas Aguinas Church (249 North 9th St. in Park

BARCLAYS, NBA BASKETBALL: The Brooklyn Nets take on the Portland Trailblazers. Starting at \$15.3 pm. Barclays Center (620 Atlantic Ave. at Flatbush Avenue in Downtown, (212) 359–6387], www.BarclaysCen-

MON, NOV. 26

MUSIC, TRIVIA CONTEST: Ask Me Another: A rambunctious hour that blends brainteasers and local pub trivia night with comedy and music. \$10. 6:30 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643–6510], www.thebellhouseny.

MUSIC TEA FOR IA77 IUNKIES: The Delphian Jazz Orchestra performs music that stretches outside of the typical parameters of a traditional big band, music that drastically morphs styles that fall anywhere from El-lington and Monk to Stravinsky and Zappa. \$5 suggested. 9 pm. Tea

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Sunshine after storm

Art event at damaged venue is a tropical fund-raiser

By Hannah Palmer Egan for the Brooklyn Paper

o to beach and enjoy the waves on the Gowanus shore. The polluted canal isn't known for warm, tropical waters, but in the wake of Hurricane San-

dy's destructive path, fine art and performance venue Gowanus Ballroom is hosting an art project that will transform the storm-ravaged space into a tropical paradise replete with a heated pool and lifesize boats built by Belgain artist Benoit Verbeke.

Originally meant to bring a color-

The bar is up front.

The theater has table

service for drinks and

snacks, like bite-size

S'mores (\$1.50 each) +

flavored popcorn.

(I liked the chili flake,

lime, + tequila version

small

large

am, Sat., noon-4 am, Sun., noon-2 am.

The pleasant, cozy bar serves 6 draft

DVD rental spot Videology now has a theater and a bar! Rental counter/

ticket booth

beers (\$6 each) and classic cocktails from well-known films.

'The Dude," a large White Russian (\$7),"Bad News Bears Boiler:

maker"(\$6), + "Bonfire of the Vanities Sidecar" (nice, but not \$11 nice).

This week: The

Muppet Movie

Videology [308 Bedford Ave. at S. First Street in Williamsburg (718) 782-

3468, www.videology.info]. Open Mon.-Thu., 2 pm-2 am; Fri., 2 pm-4



Ship shape: Benoit Verbeke builds boats for a show at the Gowanus Ballroom, which was flooded during Sandy.

35-seat screening

room in back

DVDs for rent

popcorn

It shows first-run indie films, ironic classics,

TV shows, and free kids movies on Sundays.

Who can

Muppets?

By Bill Roundy

ful addition to the lives of fisherman, Verbeke's art project FlutuArte, or Floating Art, gathered artists from around the world to paint over 60 fishing boats in Rio de Janiero.

'[FlutuArte was] about bringing this beautiful thing into the fishermen's lives. To see their faces when they saw the [boats'] rooftops, they looked really, really happy," said Verbeke.

The plan was to bring some of this joy to Brooklyn on Nov. 17, but then Sandy blew in, putting the space literally underwater for several hours at the height of the storm, and left the place without power.

When power did come back, Verbeke and Young Verbeke went ahead with building the boat installations standing in for the ones in Rio, which will serve as canvases for projections of the same paintings in Brazil. He also got to work on building a popup pool which he will heat with propane for bikini-clad (or not so bikiniclad) bathers' pleasure.

Additional entertainment will be provided by aerialists, fire-wielding performances, and stilt-walkers.

The Gowanus Ballroom began as a side-project to Young's work in the metal-shop; he had extra room in the shop and wanted to share it with the community.

"You only live once," Young said. "Why not build something you can enjoy while you're here?

FlutuArte, Save the Gowanus Ballroom at the Gowanus Ballroom [55 Ninth St. at back of building, off service alley in Gowanus, (347) 460-2687, www. gowanusballroom.com]. Nov. 24, 6 pm–5 am, \$15.

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A Cash blessing

Country star joins benefit concert

By Natalie Musumeci The Brooklyn Paper

ow you can square dance for a cause.

Grammy-winning singer-songwriter and country music star Rosanne Cash will headline a relief show for the storm-battered community of Red Hook.

'Red Hook is such a special corner of Brooklyn, and there is really no place like it in the entire New York metropolitan area," said Cash, the eldest daughter of country music legend Johnny Cash, who added that it is part of her responsibility "to see that all of Red Hook comes back

All proceeds of the Nov. 21 folk extravaganza at the Bell House will go directly to Restore Red Hook, an organization that aims to help the neighborhood's small businesses get back on their feet after Hurricane Sandy's floodwaters inundated them, ruined inventory, destroyed machinery, and crippled livelihoods

The benefit, hosted by the Jalopy Theatre and Friends, will kickoff with a honkytonk square dance and feature a range of musical performers including John Pinamonti and Jesse Lenat. There will also be a standup by comedian and co-creator of the Daily Show Lizz Winstead.



Red Hook revival: Grammy award-winning musician Rosanne Cash will headline "Restore Red Hook," a benefit show to help the small businesses of the hurricane stricken neighborhood.

It will take an estimated \$2 million for the waterfront community's restaurants, bars, vintage shops, and corner bodegas to reopen their doors, said Wiley.

"If we can sell out the Bell House we will raise \$15,000 for Restore Red Hook," she said. "It will take more than this benefit to reach our goal, but this is a nice way to start."

Byrne said that the Red Hook peninsula, cut off by the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway, functions like a small town.

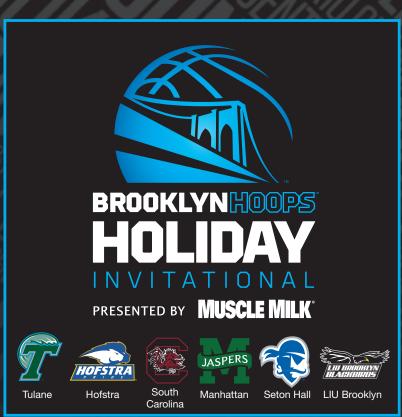
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"If the economic center of a small town is destroyed the ramifications extend beyond small businesses. It's a ripple effect for the entire community," she said. "This is about rebuilding the community as a whole.

A Benefit to Restore Red Hook at the Bell House [149 Seventh St. between Second and Third avenues in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510, www.thebellhouseny. coml. Nov. 21, 6 pm doors, 7 pm show, \$30.

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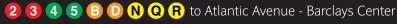


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Lights, theater, action

Daredevil dance company brings stunts to the stage

By Will Bredderman The Brooklyn Paper

n the stage, you have to do your own stunts.

The Williamsburg-based daredevil dance company Streb is back from its death-defying performance during the Summer Olympics where members rode the spokes of the 400-foot-high London Eye observation wheel and bungee-jumped from the Millennium Bridge in July - and have created a new theatrical piece of wild contraptions and intense physical stunts dubbed "Forces! The Movical!"

"We're trying to tell the story of action," said company founder Elizabeth Streb. "We're trying to have a theatrical version of what action would look like if it were put on a

Streb's performers will fall from great heights, drop bowling balls onto concrete blocks, run into and up walls,

Real-life action heroes: Dive, tuck, roll — the dancers of Streb dance company can do it all.

spin I-beams, battle a shifting floor, and even ride upside down on the outerrim of an enormous yellow wheel. As her team of action heroes dis-

plays its physical skills, Streb herself will stand on the sidelines, dropping pithy aphorisms in the character of a mad scientist, her face occasionally

projected in the background.

The movical is by far the most cohesive action show I've made," the artist said. "We've tried to put a story together as action. And action is essentially an experience, so I want the audience to feel as though they've done some of the moves.

And the audience will actually get to do some of the moves and try out the props once the show's over.

But they will have to sign a waiver first — Streb is full contact.

"We're the roughest sport outside boxing and football," Streb said, explaining that her crew is trained in her own technique of "pop action" shock absorption, which involves rolling and flexing with impact.

"Forces! The Movical!" at Streb Laboratory for Action Mechanics [51 N. First St. between Berry Street and Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 384-6491, www.streb.org]. Nov. 29, 7:30 pm, \$25 adults, \$15

Continued from page 6 Lounge [837 Union St. at Seventh Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 789-2762], www.tealoungeny.com.

TUES, NOV. 27 ENTERTAINMENT, DISNEY

ON ICE: Mickey and Minnie have searched the globe for the hippest and hottest acts to perform in Disney On Ice's "Rockin Ever After," and are bringing them all to the brand new Barclays Center in Brooklyn! 7:00pm. The Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. (718) 942–9587], www. disnev-on-ice

READING, YOUNG ADULT LIT: A reading and conver sation about young adult literature with authors David Levithan, Adele Griffin, Eliot Schrefer, Alyssa Sheinmel, and Robin Wasserman Please RSVP via e-mail. Free. 7 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666–3049],

READING, MATH ART: Artist Simon Dinnerstein and mathematician Paul Lockhart team up for a presenta tion and discussion about art and mathematics. Free. 7 pm. BookCourt [163 Court St. between Pacific and Dean streets in Cobble Hill, (718) 875–3677], www.book-

WED, NOV. 28

DANCE CLASS: The Federation of Italian American Organizations of Brooklyn (FIAO) is again sponsoring its popular free ballroom dance instruction for teens and seniors alike in its ballroom dance classes on Wednesday nights. Special bonus: the instructor will be Carmine "Big Screecher" Santa Maria. Free. 6 pm. LS 96 199 Avenue P between W. 11th and W. 12th streets in Gravesend, (718) 232—2266].

FUNDRAISER, RED STOCK-ING SOIREE: This year's hospital fund-raiser will benefit hospital employees who have been severely impacted by Hurricane Sandy. Taste of Brooklyn includes food, wine and beverages from local restaurants and raffles. \$100 per person. 7–9 pm. New York Methodist - Carrington Pavilion [506 Sixth St. at 7th Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 780-5343].

READING, BLACK SWAN AU-THOR: Best-selling author Nassim Taleb (The Black Swan) drops by power-House Arena to celebrate the launch of Antifragile: Things That Gain From Disorder: a look at how stress and tension lead to healthy societies. The \$35 ticket price includes a copy of the featured title. Please RSVP via e-mail. \$35. 7 pm. Pow-erHouse Arena [37 Main St at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666–3049], www.pow-erhousearena.com.

THURS, NOV. 29

WORKSHOP, STORYBOARD ARTISTS: Brooklyn Young Filmmakers center presents

storyboard artists appreri-tice project, a workshop featuring David Cooney, of Broadwalk Empire, as guest instructor. \$105. Individual Appts TBA. Brooklyn Young Filmmakers Center [143 Waverly Ave. at Myrtle Avenue in Clinton Hill, (718) 935– 0490], www.wearebyfc.org.

storyboard artists appren-

FRI, NOV. 30

MUSIC, STANDUP COM-EDY: Nick Kroll will perform standup, with a preview of his new Comedy Central series, "Kroll Show." \$20.7 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.

ART, LAUGHTER AGAINST THE MACHINE: The writers of Totally Biased and W. Kamau Bell dissect a multitude of topics including politics, pop culture, race, religion, and the media. And it's funny. \$10. 8 pm. Littlefield [622 Degraw St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Gowanus, (718) 855–3388], www.littlefieldnyc.com.

SAT, DEC. 1

MUSIC, HANDEL'S "MES-SIAH": The Brooklyn Contemporary Chorus return every year for this great classic and its famous "Hal-lelujah Chorus" \$20.00. 5:30 pm. Lafayette Avenue Pres-byterian Church (85 S. Ox-ford St. at Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene)

ETSY, MODERN DAY ELVES: The Etsy NY Team, are a collective of local artists, arti-sans, designers and crafters who sell on Etsy.com, the largest online marketplace for handmade goods. **Free**. 11 am–6 pm. The Space (50

North Third St. in Williamsburg), www.handmadecav-alcade.com.

SALES/MARKET, HOLIDAY BAZAAR: Music, fun, clothes, food and a visit from Santa. FREE. 11 am–5 pm. St. Luke's Lutheran Church [259 Washington Ave. at DeKalb Avenue in Clinton Hill, (718) 399–6129].

ARTISAN HOLIDAY MARKET: One day artisan holiday market event at the Old First

Reformed Church, featuring amazing holiday gifts such as art, jewelry, toys, choco-lates, body care, handbags, clothing, stationary, scarves and hats, pottery, and more! Free. 12–4 pm. (729 Carroll St.) **PS8 HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR:**

This fun, family event offers an afternoon of Crafting, Shopping, and Eating! noon–5 pm. PS8 (37 Hicks St. in Brooklyn Heights). ART AUCTION: The New York Art Residency & Studios to announce Late Autumn Fling, our Second Annual Benefit and Silent Auction. Patron: Special auction preview & cocktails followed by Silent auction & dinner. Includes one art work of your choice. \$ 175 Admits Two / Donor: Silent Auction & Dinner, \$35 Admits one, \$ 60 Admits two, \$40 Admits one at the door, 6-9 pm. NARS Foundation [88 35th St. 3rd FL in Sunset Park, (718) 768-2765], www.nars foundation.org.

COFFEE BARK FIDO offers goodies for dogs and owners as well as provide infor-mation of off-leash activities and issues - fun for every-one. **Free**. 7 –9 am. Prospect Park Picnic House (West Dr. at Third Street in Park Slope), www.prospectpark.org.

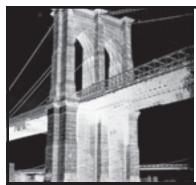




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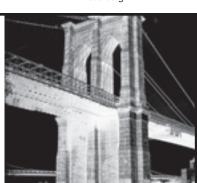


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BOSSERT...

Continued from page 1 tenants that live in the building have nothing to worry

about.
"The owner recognizes there are four protected tenants who live in the building and their rights will be fully protected," said Michael Sillerman, who added that he wasn't aware that Grier had hired a lawyer.

But Grier's attorney, Richard Klass, hinted that landlords will sometimes make life difficult on tenants with guaranteed low rents in hopes of forcing them out—and he wants to make sure that doesn't happen to his client.

"Our concern is that they maintain the property and all the systems as they have in

TAXIS.

thin focusing on safety is-

sues around the arena. "We

really have to work on stag-

lyn Paper reporter and pho-

tographer confirmed that

black cars of all types idle

and park illegally on Ber-

gen Street, Sixth Avenue,

Fourth Avenue, and Pacific

typically look the other way

when they park in front of

hydrants or in other illegal

spaces, but move their cars

upon police request.

Hired drivers say cops

A Nov. 14 visit by a Brook-

ing black cars."

Street.

the past and continue to recognize their tenancy," said Klass. "Whatever repairs or alterations are done to the structure, we want to make sure the inconveniences are kept to a minimum."

The developers purchased

announced plans to turn it into an elegant 302-room hotel with a "neighborhood feel." They expect the rooms to go for rates of about \$250

the building this summer and

per night.

The hotel, which sits on the corner of Montague and Hicks streets, was built in 1909 by lumber magnate

Louis Bossert.

"brownies" -

for such offenses.

It was purchased by the Watchtower Bible and Tract society in 1988.

us a pass," said a driver whose

limo was parked on Fourth

Avenue and claimed that only

expression for traffic enforce-

ment officers — give tickets

the Barclays Center prom-

ised they were investigating

neighbors' concerns, and the

city says it anticipated an in-

crease in black cabs and has

been working with developer

Forest City Ratner since be-

"We are continuing to re-

view all enforcement of street

regulations and working with

operations," said Barclays

fore the arena opened.

Representatives from

a pejorative



The Bossert Hotel.

That group, the corporation used by the Jehovah's Witnesses for its business purposes, meticulously renovated the building as it used it as a space to house staff.

Center spokesman Joe De-

To keep idling black cabs

from turning neighborhood

streets into a parking lot, the

Department of Transporta-

tion says it will create an ex-

perimental "staging area"

for hired cars on the south

side of Atlantic Avenue be-

tween Sixth and Vanderbilt

munity impact as this block

is currently under-utilized,"

a spokesman from the De-

partment of Transportation

on that stretch of Atlantic Av-

enue when the legendary

rockers The Who played

last week — and neighbors

aren't happy to see the row

of parking spaces go exclu-

sively to cabbies during cov-

No black cars were parked

"There will be little com-

avenues

as a space to house staff. it,"
Grier moved into the
Bossert Hotel with her husband sind

George 43 years ago, when the building was a much less fancy place where tenants were outnumbered by "guests."

"Mostly, the four corners were apartments and a lot of the rest of the building was transients," she said in her charming English accent.

Back then, it was much easier — and cheaper — to find a place in the building.

In fact, it was so easy to find a place that Grier and her husband even let one of her apartments in the Bossert go during a summer spent in Great Britain.

"When we came back, there was a woman we knew who had an apartment we liked, so we waited for her to be gone and then we took it," Grier said.

And she's lived there ever

"What are we doing, giv-

ing free parking to limos?"

said Gib Veconi, who lives

on Park Place near the arena

and wrote a piece about the

limos for the Atlantic Yards

Watch. "[This is] more pub-

lic space for the benefit of

them as long as 10 minutes

to get from Atlantic Avenue

to the arena's main entrance

after an event --- enough of a

delay to potentially tick off

dium like this and put it in

a residential area, we don't

know what to do," said Ar-

mando Lombardo, a limo

driver who brought four

people from Westchester to

The Who concert. "Where

"When they build a sta-

Drivers said it would take

the Barclays Center."

their clients.

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That said, the cabbies prefer to keep the taxies warm and at the ready. agencies to coordinate transportation initiatives and responses based on on-going

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TREES..

Continued from page 1 with a mulch pile will have to wait two weeks — something a man with a gassed-up chainsaw at the ready can't fathom.

"We already did a large part of the Parks Department's job by cutting down 75 trees," the safety patrol leader said.

Parks Department officials say that only agency foresters and contractors with special permits can take an ax to a city tree—even in an emergency.

Even if a tree falls on private property, the homeowner must hire a contractor who would then have to get the Parks Department's permission to touch the pe-

rennial plant.
"Non-certified foresters who do not have permission from Parks should not go out with chainsaws and remove trees," said Parks Department spokeswoman Megan

Lalor. "It's dangerous."

But the city's redwoodhard policy has left a lot of
Southern Brooklyn homeowners with fallen trees in
front of their homes bark-

ing mad.
"The Parks Department does not do a good job with trees," said Sheepshead Bay resident Allen Popper. "They do a terrible job. Chaim Deutsch and the Flatbush Shomrim were doing ev-

erything Bloomberg's people should have done."

Deutsch says he's put down his chainsaw, but is ready to pick it up again if another Hurricane Sandytype emergency hits the

borough.

do we go?"

"You cannot rely on the city, because the city doesn't always have the resources," Deutsch said. "We prepare ourselves, on our own, to help as much as possible."

DEATH...

Continued from page 1 struck by two drivers who remained at the scene and were

not charged.
Cyclist Nicola Djandji
perished one block away on
Borinquen Place after a 2011
collision with a motorist, ac-

cording to Gothamist.com. Horrified witnesses of Thursday's hit-and-run said they saw a 2004 Chevrolet Malibu send both victims into the air. Delacruz landed in the opposite lane, where he was struck by a passing Kia and trapped underneath.

Police say the driver of the Malibu sped off and abandoned the vehicle a few blocks away. The driver of the Kia stayed at the scene, cops say.

Delacruz was pronounced dead at the scene. Paramedics rushed the other victim to Elmhurst Hospital.

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When I walk past my daughters' school I keep my eyes on the ground or my cellphone because I don't want to see which of their friends has a cigarette in their hands. On weekends I walk the

dog early so I don't run into high schoolers I know stumbling down the dark streets. If my girls have friends over on a Saturday night, I plant myself in front of the television with the volume up loud so I won't hear things I don't want to. These are kids whose

birthday parties and Bat Mitzvahs I've been to, who I've cooked breakfast for when they stayed over, some who I've shared vacations with. And it makes me feel sad when I have to acknowledge they aren't

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I've had to put away the picture books I read over and over and over to my girls and watch their bookcases fill with novels they read on their own — and that I'll never share with them With my girls, there is al-

ways the next stage to look

forward to. But some of their friends that I've gotten to know are now fading out as (gasp!) adulthood fades in. When I see one of them heading to a party with a bottle of vodka poking out of a backpack, or buying con-

the same kids who I took to

a tea party at American Girl

parents.' Stuart has been running doms at CVS, I don't want to face the fact that these are

them from earlier, more innocent times of life rather than as messy teens. In the end, it's not up to

keep them around as mem-

ories, I'd rather remember

me. I don't get to pick who my children's friends are, who they bring home, who's backpack becomes a fixture in my hallway or who's sitting at my table every weekend. And I have no control over when they disappear from my life.

It's just that those other kids, sometimes I miss them.

HAPPY.

Continued from page 1 here and another couple, and

By Scott Sager

Place so many years ago or

who ran around soccer fields

freeze these kids in time,

but where I have to face

my own children's growth

and change, and let them go

on their own, their friends

simply disappear from my

It's not as if I want to

in oversized uniforms.

they were all talking about how hard it was to raise kids," said Stuart. "That's when I decided we needed to have some kind of happy hour for $\,$

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BUMPER...

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Sheila Fitlin in March, sparking concerns that this past summer would be the last time one could — as the sign says above the door — "Bump your a-- off."

A lease agreement was finally reached, but Hurricane Sandy rained on any celebration, explained Lee, who said that the storm destroyed many of his classic arcade games and the wooden skeeball cabinets swelled up and fell apart. The bumper cars and the arcade's famous sound system was also seriously damaged, he said.

"Right now, what I'm in the middle of is preserving as much property as I can," said Lee, who doesn't have flood insurance and is waiting to get an assessor into the building to survey the damage.

But he already knows the cost will be high: a new bumper car runs \$5,000, and even the parts for one could easily cost more than \$1,000 — and that's without paying for shipping and customs fees to bring the items from the Italian bumper car manufacturer he favors

It may be more than he can afford, Lee said. T'm going to try my hardest to bring it back, but

there's a lot more homework that has to be done before I can say if we'll be able to," said Lee. "Everything can be repaired, but at what cost?"

KILLER...

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Friday, as well as on 86th Street in August after 99-Cent store owner Isaac Kadare, 59, was shot to death — making him the NYPD's top "person of interest."

Ballistic tests confirmed that the same gun was used in Rahmatollah's killing, as well as he murders of Kadare and Bay Ridge clothing merchant Mohammed Ge-"It was a positive match to those recovered at the two

other crime scenes this past summer," NYPD spokesman Paul Browne said in a statement. Cops were dispatched to She She Inc. near Linden

Boulevard, at 7:17 pm after Rahmatollah was found dead inside his store. The senior had been shot in the head — a killing

that quickly brought back memories of the slaying of Kadare. An autopsy revealed that Kadare died from a bullet to

the skull — bullet fired from the same .22-caliber gun that killed Gebeli in his Bay Ridge clothing store. Gebeli had been shot in the neck, police sources say.

Detectives released then scrapped a sketch of a previous person of interest, and said investigators have a line on two possible witnesses to the crime

But so far, no one has been charged with the mur-

Police sources say that Rahmatollah had been shot behind the counter, dragged about 10 feet and covered up with items from the store — the same way that both of the previous victims had been found.

Cops are currently offering a \$40,000 reward for any information leading to the arrest and indictment of the

Anyone with information regarding these three murders is urged to contact the NYPD CrimeStoppers hotline at (800) 577–8477.

FISH..

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using a bacteria that converts ammonia to nitrates: plants' favorite food.

"All you have to do is feed the fish high-quality food

and it does the rest itself," said Amu. So far, Amu and Boe have set up five aquaponic systems around the city, including one at the Breukelen Cof-

fee House on Franklin Avenue that is already producing basil, mustard greens, and mint.

"They're going to start serving sandwiches and use the vegetables," Amu said.

They also installed a small aquaponic system inside the Moore Street Market several weeks ago and are waiting for the soil to boast enough nitrates to plant

But the outdoor farm planned for the vacant lot next door to the market is far leap beyond any projects they've worked on so far.

'We want to use it to grow vegetables that will be used by the vendors in the market and also use it for community education and to teach kids about urban agriculture," said market manager Joan Bartolomeo, who is also the president of the Brooklyn Economic Development Corporation

It was Bartolomeo's idea to bring new life to the unused lot, which was the site of a vacant home until the city purchased the plot and demolished the building in the mid-aughts while officials flirted with the idea of tearing down the Moore Street Market and construct-

When the city changed its mind about closing the market, the lot became overgrown with weeds and strewn with liquor bottles.

The proposal has earned the support of Community Board 1 and must still win approval from the city, but by next spring, Bartolomeo hopes the farm will be in

"The lot is hemmed in by buildings and there's not a lot of sunlight, so it seemed like something other than traditional planting methods would be best," she said. "And since we don't get southern exposure, we're going to plant a lot of leafy greens."

Amu and Boe plan to build a greenhouse to contain the fish farm, which they say can thrive even during a chilly Brooklyn winter. "If you dig the pond deep enough, the fish can go to

the bottom where it's warmer," said Amu. "Or you use seasonal fish — once it's cold, you harvest the tilapia and add a cold water fish like trout. Just like you grow winter crops when it's cold, you grow winter fish

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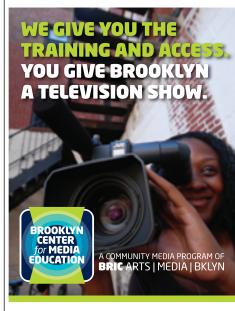
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